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Pearsons' Peeping Tom

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Judiciary Committees of the Men's and Women's Assemblies this week were seeking the identity of a peeping Tom who has been active evenings on the grounds between Forest West and Pearsons. Reached for comment, Dean Lee reportedly stated: "It must be a high school student." Said a woman with a first floor room, "High school student --- hell!"

'51 Comprehensives Dropped By Faculty In Surprise Move

The General Departmental Examination plan was dropped for this year by an overwhelming vote of the faculty after a five hour meeting last night. Final exams will be required, however, in those senior courses which were preparing students for the comprehensive exams. These courses will continue as scheduled.

There appeared to be some difference of opinion on the part of professors as to why the plan had been discarded. One professor stated privately that from observations in the comprehensive exam course hs is conducting, he believes that the students could not pass an examination. Another professor stated that his students are "so well prepared that it is absurd to make them review the materials they have studied for four years."

A member of the administration stated that the underlying purpose of the plan when it had been passed two years ago was to offer additional courses in each department every spring without the additional cost of a larger staff. With the planned reduction in the size of the faculty because of higher costs and an expected decrease in enrollment all faculty members will be needed to instruct in "basic" courses.

Early response on the part of students was favorable to the decision, although one student was heard to complain that the faculty was trying to do away with all the "pipes" and place the emphasis on education.

Middlebury ROTC Unit Announced By WACs

A Women's Reserve Officer Training Corps unit will be established at Middlebury in September, it was announced this week in Washington by the Department of Defense and War Mobilization. In conjunction with the Washington announcement President Stratton this week announced that Gifford Hall will be converted into a girls' dormitory during the summer and that girls taking the army training program will be housed there in the fall semester. Expected reductions in men's enrollment will make it possible to place all men in Hepburn, Painter, and Starr.

The WAC ROTC unit will be attached to the Mountain Troops Branch of the AGF. Middlebury was chosen over Utah and similar schools, because 90% of the girls at Middlebury ski. All girls enrolling in the program will be issued army equipment and army skis.

When asked to comment on the Washington announcement, President Stratton stated: "This announcement came as no surprise to us; in fact, we have expected it for some time. I am confident that Middlebury women will prove a sound investment for the army."

A member of the women's admissions office stated that next year skiing would be considered for the first time as a qualification for admittance to Middlebury. A member of the men's admissions office stated that no changes were anticipated in that office, all incoming men being selected solely on such qualifications as maturity of approach to education and an ability to contribute to some aspect of the college community. The men's office said further that the number of preparatory and high school valedictorians, class presidents, and varsity captains accepted for next year already has exceeded last year's record number.

Women enrolled in the army program will be excused from all afternoon classes, so that they may participate. Training will be conducted at Breadloaf. The summer school buildings will be available for indoor work, and the Snow Bowl for In-The-Field training. The size of a WAC ROTC unit is 400.

Assembly Meets To Curb Rising Necking Problem

Recently-elected president of Student Union, Carol C. Holmes '52, called an emergency meeting of the Women's Assembly last Tuesday night in order to discuss the increasingly serious problem of necking in the women's dormitories. "We cannot let this go any further," stated Miss Holmes. The special meeting was called due to complaints filed in Mrs. Kelly's office by Waubanakee and Blue Key. Said spokesman Ralph Loveys, "We cannot afford to endanger the morals of Middlebury's women."

The Assembly proceeded to hear reports from the various women's dormitories. Said Paula Loughran of the Chateau, "We are faced with the peculiar problem of a house mother who advocates low lights." Said Marilyn Brindly of Battell South, "I refuse to see any problem whatsoever." Dot Deyerberg of Pearsons was quoted as saying, "It is amazing what is happening right under our own noses." Reports from other dormitories cannot be printed.

Marilyn J. Murphy '51, former tryout for the Chartreuse Keyhole, was appointed chairman in charge of a twelve woman committee which is to investigate the matter further and to recommend what steps be taken. This committee met with a delegation from the Men's Assembly early this evening. However, little action was taken.

Athletic Dept. Loses $500; Trask Quizzed In Scandal

Alec Petrie, chairman of the Middlebury College Judicial Committee, disclosed last night that William Foley Trask, alias "Rochester Willie," was being held for absconding with $500.00 of Athletic Department funds and for contributing to the delinquency of athletes during the recent basketball season.

The shocking news spread rapidly through campus quarters as the committee chairmen of the various activities began a rapid recheck of all ticket sales throughout the year. Conviction on these charges calls for a maximum of ten years and a minimum of two years.

Trask, a member of the "nouveau riche" was reached at his lush DU Club apartment. "They ain't gonna catch me," he bragged. "You know as well as I do that I can fast-talk my way out of it." (This point was later conceded Trask as Chairman Petrie tried to follow his testimony.)

The whole scandal began last March when Rochester Willie was appointed head basketball manager. He had apparently planned his managerial term perfectly. However, the unbelievable concept of foul play was finally detected during the Coast Guard-Trinity trip in February through unmentionable devices.

Trask had contacted Joe Famolare, an ex-Midd student who is now matriculating at New London Junior College, in order to get his basketball buddies fixed up. The dates were supposed to lure Loveys, Nightingale, and Scott into a wild soiree so that they would not be in shape for the Coast Guard game. Trask had bet twenty dollars that the Panthers would lose and he wanted to make sure that they did. Famolare was apparently tipped off. He wanted nothing

Photo by Dick Smith

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C. C. Dep't Adds "Pic of the Flics" To Fall Schedule

The department of Contemporary Civilization will offer a new course entitled "The Pic of the Flicks" starting this fall, Professor Waldo H. Heinrichs has announced. The required 3-hour course will take the place of the historical-documentary type course now given to freshmen.

Said Prof. Heinrichs, "We, Mr. Reynolds and I, have decided that our material, which included the Battle of Jutland, Fascism, and India, is somewhat outdated. We have never believed in stagnation and status quo, and have acquiescedto include what is truly contemporary...Doris Day, Farley Granger, and Ruth Roman."

There will be no change in the customary C.C. depart-

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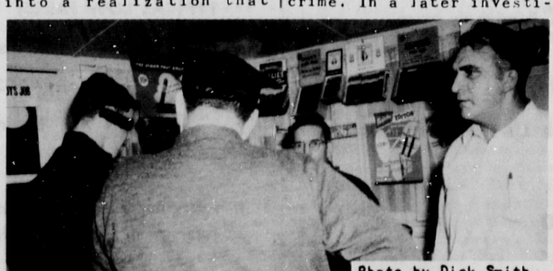
Student Nabbed Scrounging Diner Dinner

Details of the most bizarre crime in Middlebury annals were revealed last week by Police Chief Don Williamson, following the arrest of a destitute, starving Middlebury college freshman, whose name has been withheld by authorities because of his age. Rivaling in excitement the famous Chapel Smudge Pot case of a few months ago, the recent crime has shocked the once pastoral campus into a realization that crime does exist.

Suffering from subjection to "semi-starvation" meals, the tossled freshman decided early last week that he just could not take any more of those Friday night suppers. According to his confession, the lad, unarmed, broke and motivated only by incessant hunger pangs in his stomach, made his way falteringly to the Park Diner, scene of the crime. In a later investigation, Francis Smith, the man behind the counter, reported that the youth acted suspiciously from the beginning, eating several handfuls of salt before glancing at the menu. Gorging himself with a seven-course Park Diner supper deluxe, the nerve-wracked freshman elusively made his way to the Men's Room in the rear of the structure. Unfortunately he was not elusive enough.

In his own words, Police Chief Williamson, related the wind up to this tale of maniac motivation: "I was just leaving the john, when this kid comes up. I could tell by that crazed look in his eyes that something was wrong. Figuring to trap him I asked him point blank, 'Eat much?' That did it. In another second he lunged for the door. In a few seconds it was all over. No one gets away with a free meal as long as I'm around."

Reached for comment, Food Service Director, Robert Summers, stated frankly, "I think complusory Chapel is here to stay."



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No way out exists for the "half-starved" Midd freshman (far left) caught trying to leave the Park Diner without paying for his lavish meal. Police Chief Don Williamson steadies the rattled lad, as chief counterman, Francis Smith, looks on with indignant amazement.

Girls Surrender Hillcrest Outpost

Hillcrest dormitory has finally given up. Struggling for the past six months as the last female outpost on the South side of College Street, the famed dormitory will be moved to a more secluded location just behind the observatory. The moving, hastened by a recent upswing in streetwalking, will give Hillcrest a location that has many advantages too numerous to mention.

Leighton Finds New *Frontiers* Quality High, Quantity Low

By Lawrence B. Leighton
Former Assistant Professor
In C.C. Dept.

To say the worst thing first, the chief thing wrong with this issue of FRONTIERS is that it is slim in content. Quality is high, quantity is low. This is not the fault of the editors, but of Middlebury students; I do not know how many mute Miltons study here, but there are plenty of shy cowards who fear the fun of seeing themselves in print.

To speak of the other bad thing next, the editors were slack on the mechanics of the job. Misprints, bad grammar, misspelling, bad punctuation are too frequent, and it is the editors' job to clean them up.

This issue has a new format. Mr. Kent's cover has disappeared for one by Mr. Rice, which is more appropriate. But where are the wings on the horse? An earthbound Pegasus is a bad omen, confirmed by Mr. Trevvett's explanation in a version of Pindar wherein he uses that phrase so dear to Victorian translators, "Sleepest thou?"

The contents are good. Mr. Strain's and Miss Shonyo's stories deal with situations that could have been made sentimental and mawkish. Both of them avoid this, and for young writers that is a triumph. Mr. Sommers' story is first rate. I have read it three times and I am going to read it a fourth.

The poetry takes up the larger part of this issue and it is the best poetry I have seen in FRONTIERS. Miss McKenna and Mr. Walsh take simple subjects and treat them simply. Miss MacRae is more amibitious: her "Journey" fails, perhaps because of her over-use of the word "shadow". Her sonnet has good things in it, but it needs to be reworked. As for Mr. Rice, there are few artists, always excepting Michelangelo and Blake, who have been good poets. However, give the boy B for effort. I prefer his illustration for Mr. Lane's poem, "Schoolboys". That poem presents a problem. Mr. Lane is one of the best undergraduate poets I have ever read -- and I have been reading them for thirty years. But "Schoolboys" is too easy. His "Old Sonnet" was a much harder one to do, and it fails technically. The unusual rhyme scheme defeats the sonnet form and instead of climax one gets repetition.

Miss Nasmith's poems are an advance on what she has published before. The emotional and formal structures are more complicated and more interesting. But I wish she would try to use, if only for practice, more conventional forms. Free verse is sometimes necessary, but it can weaken a poet's muscles.

About Mr. Flory's "Dirge," it is hard to write. For those of us who knew William it says a good deal; I wonder if it will communicate much to those who did not know him.

If the poetry in this issue is hard to understand it is the reader's fault. From this poetry, written by contemporaries, one discovers what the world is like.

Photo by Dick Smith

Erica Child '53, Patricia A. Lothrop '53, and Janet M. Bogart '52, take time out for an appreciative glance at Frontiers.

Trask Quizzed In Scandal

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to do with it and left town.

Trask spent the next afternoon in his room of Hartford's Hotel Bond. Wire tapping revealed that he was trying in vain to make contact with a lady friend who worked at the Hartford Retreat, a fashionable rest home not far from the Trinity Deke House.

Following the Trinity game, Trask was seen escorting "a good-looking head" from New Haven. However, Miss X took a liking to someone else and Willie reportedly paid her $50.00 to divert all her attentions to his direction. Miss X either couldn't find his direction or wasn't attentive enough so she excused herself to take a powder. The T-shirted trouble-maker then tried the Hartford Retreat again and met with a minimum of success. He took a taxi from the Deke House and returned an hour later with three nurses, two of them looking like incurable psychotics. When the revelry ended, Trask had spent $150.00 of school funds and had only two empty scotch bottles to show for it.

At the initial hearing, chairman Petrie asked Trask what he did with the rest of the money. It went something like this:

Q: What did you do with the rest of the money?

A: I saved it. I need it because I am under a great social strain.

Q: Just what is this social strain?

A: I need the money.

Q: Were you ever pinned, Mr. Trask?

A: Yes, when I was a baby.

Q: Were you ever ringed?

A: Yes, several times, but always in the bathtub.

Q: Is it true that you had exchanged high school rings with a certain Miss K. M.?

A: Now look, Petrie, do I ask you if your car windshield has ever been stickered? Yes, that is true.

Q: Is this part of your social strain?

A: Yes.

Q: You spent $150.00. You are accused of stealing $500.00. What did you plan to do with the rest of the money?

A: Buy myself some new T-shirts.

Q: $500 worth?

A: No. I plan to keep up my payments to the draft board also.

Trask was never known on the women's campus to be a big spender although he once forced a new blazer on a cute Variety Show chorus girl. The scantily clad dancer later stated, "He was obnoxious. He bought me a Mortar Boardcalendar, a blazer and threatened to give me twenty tickets when MacLean was raffling off his no-holer Buick. I couldn't stand all the gifts."

The Judicial Committee has impounded Trask's newspaper concession until a decision is reached.

C. C. Dep't

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ment schedule. Informal "bull" sessions will continue to be conducted by Mr. Reynolds.

"I am intensely interested in this sort of thing," said Heinrichs. "When I was talking with Cecil B. DeMille in the Brown Derby last year, he expressed a concern that the college youth is neglecting the movie industry except for Sunday and Friday nights."

Questionnaires which were circulated last week indicated that male students are extremely interested in studying the historical aspects of "Forever Amber"

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Auto Regulations Stated For Men And For Women

Students who have new automobile registration plates should notify the Dean's office of their new license number it has been stressed by the Student Judicial Committee.

Recent action of the Judicial Committee has included the impoundment of the car of Donald K. Reiland '51, for thirty days for lack of a state inspection sticker. Philip C. Clarke has been cleared of charges of illegal registration.

Senior women will be able to have cars after spring vacation, it has been announced by Elizabeth B. Kelly, Dean of Women. Such women must not have received financial assistance from the college and must not be on academic or disciplinary probation.

Women must obtain permission of the Dean before spring vacation, and then register with the Dean at the time the car is brought to Middlebury.

Women who do not have a state inspection sticker from the state in which the car is registered must get a Vermont inspection sticker.

Debaters Slated For R. P. I. Meet

The Middlebury Debating Team will meet R.P.I. at Troy this Friday, March 30. Two home meets have been scheduled with Amherst on April 28, and St. Lawrence on May 6. The topic for these debates will be: "Should the non-Communist nations form a new international organization?"

An annual event of importance is the Dartmouth Novice Tournament, to be held this year on April 20-21. At least twelve colleges are expected to participate in this tournament, which gives first-year debaters a chance to prove their ability.

P. Groff To Play Electra In Greek Legend Drama

The cast for Euripides' "Electra," the May production of the Middlebury College Players, has been announced by the director, James B. Van Wart. Margaret L. Groff '52, will play the lead, Electra. Miss Groff has appeared in many previous college productions, the most recent being "The Madwoman of Chaillot". She is a drama major, and was recently elected president of Wig and Pen.

Robert R. Ringer '54, will play the part of Orestes, Electra's banished brother. He was seen as the Nazi spy in the Carnival play "See How They Run". Klytemnestra, the mother of Electra, will be portrayed by Patricia A. Chamberlin '53, who played the starring role in "The Madwoman of Chaillot".

Munroe B. Hall '54, will take the part of Kastor, a Greek mythological god. Theodore Higley, a graduate student, will play the Old Man.

Ernest C. Tanner '52, will portray the Peasant, Electra's husband; Evan R. Anderson '54, an attendant; and Janet Schongar '53, a member of the Greek chorus. Richard D. Attwill '54, will play another attendant. Other members of the chorus are: Cathleen Collins '54, Corolyn L. Johnson '51, Jacqueline Willaredt '51, Joan C. Weber '52, and Elizabeth G. Cox '53. Robert W. Parker '53, will play the messenger.

"Electra" is a Greek legend of revenge, concerned with the attempts of Electra and Orestes to punish their mother, the queen, for murdering their father. The play is written entirely in verse. The production will be stylized, and no attempt to reproduce the Greek methods of drama exactly.

Alumni Groups To Hold Dinners

Students and parents living in the Boston, Hartford, Poughkeepsie, District of Columbia and Philadelphia areas are invited to attend alumni dinners to be held during spring vacation. Reservations should be made beforehand if possible, and the names and addresses of dinner chairmen can be secured in the Placement Office.

The Boston dinner will be held Saturday night, March 31, at 6:45 p.m. in the George Washington Ballroom of the Hotel Commander in Cambridge. Dr. Samuel S. Stratton and Prof. Waldo H. Heinrichs will speak in Boston. Connecticut men and women will meet at the City Club of Hartford on Friday, April 6, at 6:30 p.m. The Poughkeepsie, N. Y., dinner will be held Thursday, April 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the Mayfair Room of the Nelson House. Stanley V. Wright, director of men's admission, will speak at these dinners.

Washington, D.C., alumni will meet on Monday April 2, at 7:45 p.m. at the Hotel Congressional. The Philadelphia dinner will be held on Tuesday, April 3, at 6:15 p.m. at the New Century Club. The speaker at these dinners will be Dr. Stephen A. Freeman.

NEW OFFICERS

Louise Erb '52, has been elected president of the Women's Athletic Association for the 1951-52 year. Martha Lad '53, was elected vice-president; Jean Gilmore '54, secretary; and Charlotte F. Olsen '52, treasurer. Phyllis J. Mortimer '52, was appointed W.A.A. cabin manager.

Dance club officers for the coming year are: President, Susan Taylor '53; Vice-president, Ann H. Findley '53; and Secretary, Constance V. Forsyth '53.

Award Goes To Nancy Hamilton

Nancy L. Hamilton '53, was awarded the Mortar Board cup in freshman-sophomore chapel this morning. The cup, which is awarded each year to an outstanding sophomore woman, was presented by Shoana J. Edgar '51, president of Mortar Board. The basis of the award is high scholarship, service, and interest shown in the college by extra-curricular activities.

Miss Hamilton is a member of Women's Assembly. She is also a Skyline member, and was a sub-committee chairman of publicity for the 1951 Carnival.

Fraternities, Neutrals, Choose Candidates For Junior Queen

Fraternity and neutral nominations for Junior Weekend Queen have been submitted to the Queen Committee, it was announced by co-chairmen Barrie Storrs '52, and Janet M. West '52, this week. The candidates are to be judged on the basis of beauty and poise. They are: Alpha Sigma Psi - Jacqueline C. Willaredt; Alpha Tau Omega - Jeanne H. Badeau; Chi Psi - Martha K. Peck; Delta Kappa Epsilon - Carol Cadmus; Delta Upsilon - Mary Lee McGowan; Kappa Delta Rho - Barbara J. Oetjen; Phi Kappa Tau - Jeanne C. Parker; Sigma Phi Epsilon - Alice Hildreth; Theta Chi - Margaret L. Groff; Neutrals - Barbara A. Eckman.

The nominees will be presented at the Junior Weekend Rally in McCullough Gymnasium Thursday evening by rally co-chairmen Donald H. MacLean and Richard M. Godfrey. Friday afternoon they will be escorted by the group they represent to the traditional mock baseball game between junior men and women.

Blood Bank Unit To Visit Campus Tuesday, May 1

A Red Cross Mobile Unit will visit the Middlebury campus on Tuesday, May 1, under the auspices of a student sponsored and organized campaign. Student representatives acting as recruiters, will canvass the student body this week to make preliminary arrangements with students over 18 years of age and 110 pounds of weight who wish to donate blood. Permission cards will be required for all students under 21 years of age. Students who need parental permission are requested to return the cards immediately after spring vacation on April 11.

The blood donated by the Middlebury students will be sent to Porter Hospital, to the Burlington Blood center, to the Korean battlefield, and to service hospitals all over the world. Whole blood has become acutely needed due to increasing demands from the battlefront and service hospitals.

Women's Forum Elects Officers

Elizabeth W. Loemker '52, was elected president of Women's Forum at elections held last week. Ann W. Tilton '53, was chosen vice-president, Janet M. Bogart '52, treasurer, and Marion S. Thompson '54, secretary. The new officers will be installed in May.

Miss Loemker was vice-president of Forum this year, a member of Women's Assembly, house president of Willard, and a member of Delta Delta Delta.

Miss Tilton is an assistant business manager of the KALEIDOSCOPE and a member of Pi Beta Phi.

Miss Bogart is the business manager of the 1951

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Three Members Of Reserve Unit Go To Pentagon

Three members of the 453rd Strategic Intelligence Research and Analysis team of the U.S. Army Organized Reserve Corps, composed of Middlebury College faculty members and students, will begin a 15-day period of active duty at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., on March 25.

Col. Stephen A. Freeman, Vice-President of the College and commanding officer of the reserve team, said today that the unit will be assigned to the Current Intelligence section of the Intelligence Division to receive intensive training in the methods and procedures of military intelligence.

Going to Washington with Colonel Freeman will be M/Sgt. John R. Walsh who was graduated in February; and Pfc. John J. Vogel, Jr.

Other members of the 453rd who were not called for active duty at this time include Capt. Donald Purcell of the English Department; Pfc. Richard R. Metcalf, Pfc. James C. Straney, and Pfc. Don E. Axinn. Maj. C. Leonard Hoag, now on leave from the College's political science department to serve in a civilian capacity with the State Department, is also a member of this reserve unit.

Women's Forum

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KALEIDOSCOPE and a member of Alpha Xi Delta.

Miss Thompson is a member of Women's Assembly and of Pi Beta Phi.

Women's Forum is a social service organization which annually sponsors a Christmas party for the children of Ripton, an A.M.R. Dance, and the Forum Date Book. Largest welfare activity of the group is the support of a student in a Greek university. Women's Forum plans to organize a Red Cross unit within the college in the near future.

MIDD MEMO

Question of the week (asked by the more style conscious Midd femmes): Is it true that I'll lose weight if I contribute a pint of blood to the Red Cross?

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Speaking of the Red Cross Mobile blood unit, we note that the usual "Vergennes run" procedure will be reversed. For a change, pints will be leaving Middlebury, heading northward.

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The long awaited Snow Bowl costume ski race didn't come off last weekend as planned, but that didn't prevent the Middlebury girls from holding their unofficial costume race, over somewhat less exciting terrain. The day was Easter Sunday, the course was College Street, and the finery was an excellent example of what "the well-dressed college girl will wear."

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